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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS UNDER TUNISIA'S FIFTH DEVELOP-
MENT PLAN: CONSTRUCTION OF CIGARETTE FACTORY: EARLY
WARNING

REF: TUNIS A-097, TUNIS 5282, 10 FAM 164

1. THE FOLLOWING "EARLY WARNING" ON CIGARETTE FACTORY CONTIN-
UES EMBASSY'S REPORTING ON MAJOR PROJECTS OF COMMERCIAL INTER-
EST TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER TUNISIA'S FIFTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(1977-81) AS LISTED BY GOT (TUNIS A-097).

2. PROJECT 29: CIGARETTE FACTORY. REGIE NATIONALE DES TABACS
(STATE ENTERPRISE WHICH IS MONOPOLY MANUFACTURER AND IMPORTER
OF TOBACCO) WILL BUILD NEW CIGARETTE FACTORY AT KAIROUAN BE-
CAUSE TWO PRESENT PLANTS IN TUNIS, WITH A COMBINED CAPACITY OF
230 MILLION PACKS OF CIGARETTES PER YEAR, WILL SOON FALL BE-
HIND TUNISIAN DEMAND--GROWING AT SEVEN PERCENT ANNUAL RATE.
NEW PLANT--LOCATED IN LESS PROSPEROUS INTERIOR CITY--WILL
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HAVE ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 300 MILLION PACKS OF CIGARETTES
BRINGING COMPANY'S AND NATIONAL TOTAL TO 530 MILLION PACKS.

3. TOTAL COST OF PROJECT ESTIMATED AT \$42.55 MILLION. EXPEC-
TED FINANCING BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: REGIE NATIONALE DES
TABACS: \$5.06 MILLION, TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT: \$23.46 MILLION,
AND REMAINDER OF \$14.03 MILLION, WHICH CONSTITUTES FOREIGN

CURRENCY COSTS FOR SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT, TO BE FURNISHED BY SUPPLIER CREDITS OR LOANS FROM INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES OR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

4. ENGINEERING STUDY HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE FRENCH SOCIETE D'EXPLOITATION INDUSTRIELLE DES TABACS ET DES ALLUMETTES (SEITA); TWO SEPARATE INTERNATIONAL CALLS FOR BIDS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 1977: (A) FOR SPECIALIZED CIGAR-ETTE MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT AND (B) FOR AIR CONDITIONING, HEATING AND PIPING/PUMPING NETWORKS FOR STEAM, CONDENSATES, ETC. LEAD TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS WILL BE ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR (A) AND ONE MONTH FOR (B). BUILDING TO HOUSE FACTORY IS ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. PLANT IS EXPECTED TO ENTER PRODUCTION SOMETIME IN 1980 WITH INITIAL CAPACITY OF 40 MILLION PACKS.

5. INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS SHOULD WRITE, IN FRENCH, TO M. LE PRESIDENT DIRECTEUR GENERAL PUX REGIE NATIONALE DES TABACS ET DES ALLUMETTES, ROUTE DE ZAGHOUAN, TUNIS, TO SPECIFY THEIR INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT AND TO BE INFORMED DIRECTLY WHEN CALLS FOR BIDS ARE ISSUED.
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